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2a)□	Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>05 March 2007</u> . This action is FINAL . 2b) This action is non-final. Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims						
5) ☐ 6) ☑ 7) ☑ 8) ☐ Applicati 9) ☐ 10) ☐	4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Application Papers 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner. 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.					
	ınder 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
Attachment(s) 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application Paper No(s)/Mail Date						

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Response to Remarks

Applicants' arguments, filed on 3/5/07, have been approved and entered. They have been fully considered. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn. The following rejections and/or objections are either newly applied or reiterated. They constitute the complete set presently being applied to the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (PUB NO.: US2002/0006626).

Kim et al. discloses a process for preparing monolayers and micoarrays of biomolecules by reacting functionalized dendrimers on solid surface with biomolecules such as proteins antigens antibodies enzymes lligands receptors and the like. The process comprises the steps of : reacting a metal surface or a glass surface (which is viewed as the fine particle based on the definition in the instant specification pages 2-3 bridging paragraph) with alkane thiol or derivatized silane with amine reactive functionality to obtain a self-assembled monolayer; reacting the self-assembled monolayer with amine-terminated dendrimers to give micropattern of dendrimers; and reacting the patterned dendrimers with biomolecule of protein, antigen, antibody, enzyme, receptor, or ligand which is viewed to be inclusive of the extraction step. (see Figures and pages 1-2).

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This rejection is being reapplied because the reference do discloses particles as defined in the instant specification Pages 2-3. Therefore the term fine particles is broad enough to include Kim's particles and therefore the argument that the bonding is weak and unstable are just allegations without factual supports.

Claims 11-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jezia Riley whose telephone number is 571-272-0786. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached on 571-272-0782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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